

REMARKS

The present response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Claims 15-51, 66, 68-73 and 80-91 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 41 and 66 have been amended to address informalities. No claims have been added or canceled. Claims 1-14, 52-65, 67 and 74-79 previously were canceled. Therefore, claims 15-51, 66, 68-73 and 80-91 will remain pending in the application after entry of the foregoing claim amendments.

Interview Summary

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the time and attention afforded by Examiner An during a telephonic interview on August 21, 2008. During the interview, Applicants' representative and Examiner An discussed the claims, and the non-anticipatory and non-obvious nature of the claims in view of the cited references. While no agreement was reached regarding the claims, Examiner An agreed to reconsider the application in view of the discussion during the interview.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15-40 and 80-91 are allowed. Claims 44, 46, 47, 49 and 68 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter.

Rejection of the Independent Claims

Independent claims 41 and 66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,760,789 ("Inoue"). In particular, the Office Action contends that Inoue discloses storing tasks in a per-application context in a command buffer (*see* Office Action dated June 11, 2008 ("Office Action") at p. 2). Applicants respectfully disagree.

The portions of Inoue cited in the Office Action disclose a display server that is connected to multiple clients (Inoue at FIG. 10). The clients generate data that is to be sequentially transferred to the display server (*id.* at col. 8, lines 52-58). As shown in Inoue's FIG. 10, the data generated by each client is stored in that client's respective queue buffer. In other words, the data in each of Inoue's client buffers is for a particular client, and may

correspond to various applications. Nowhere do the cited portions of Inoue teach or suggest that the data in each of the client buffers is stored in a per-application context, as recited in independent claims 41 and 66.

Accordingly, for at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 41 and 66 patentably define over Inoue. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 41 and 66 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Rejections of the Dependent Claims

Claims 42, 43, 45, 69 and 70-72 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Inoue. Claims 48, 51 and 73 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inoue. Claim 50 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inoue in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,713,748 (“Magar”).

As claims 42, 43, 45, 48, 50 and 51 depend from claim 41, and claims 69-73 depend from claim 66, Applicants respectfully submit that the dependent claims likewise patentably define over the references relied upon in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, withdrawal of the rejections of the dependent claims under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow the present application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney, Bryan T. Giles, at (215) 564-8954 to discuss the resolution of any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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